

**County Council Meeting  
January 21, 2014**

**Present: Jim Seiler, Jack Kroeger, Blake Bunner, Bill Spaetti, Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Attorney Eric Ayer, Auditor Jane Lynam**

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Kroeger at 5:00 P.M.

**Minutes**

Under the discussion of Lieberman Technologies, as to how the internet service was to be paid for, Bunner wanted it specified that he stated "if that particular department, being the Sheriff's department, if they were going to save as much or more than the cost of the internet on an ongoing basis then it should come from that department, it only makes sense." Kress made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting with that correction. Knepper seconded the motion, motion approved.

**Additional Appropriations**

**County General** **\$5,000.**

Request was made by Judge Jon Dartt. Commissioner David Gogel was present and explained that the request was for electronic monitoring costs for indigent juveniles to help offset the cost of juvenile detention. Since they would be saving money on the housing by using the electronic monitoring they were just going to transfer money from the housing into a line item for the monitors and would not need to do an additional at this time.

**Health Department** **\$15,000.**

Donna Etienne explained that this money was for a reimbursable grant. They will use the money for a Code Red messaging board to be located in front of the Santa Claus Fire Department building.

Kress made a motion to approve the \$15,000. Bunner seconded the motion, motion approved.

**Annual Appropriations**

Misdemeanant Cell Phones	\$14,400.
Misdemeanant Other Expenditures	777.
Firearms Training	7,109.
Photo ID	40.
LEPC	8,404.
Jury Pay	31,341.
EMA Hazmat	1,786.
EMA Search and Rescue	7,019.
Co. Law Enforcement Continuing Education	1,192.
Health Clinic	34,401.
Clerk Perpetuation	17,321.
County User Fee	80,000.
Accident Report	7,389.
Clerk IV-D	10,649.
Prosecutor IV-D	41,905.
Sex & Violent Offender	1,754.
Medical Care for Inmate	2,887.
Prisoner Reimbursement	2,629.
CAL/CASA	15,205.
Santa Claus Water Project	100,000.
Luce Township Sewer Project	150,000.

Kress made a motion to approve the appropriations under the heading of Auditors Office funds that need to be advertised before using, Annual Appropriations as listed. Seiler seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Community Corrections-Grant Match**

Auditor Lynam explained that the money was appropriated in 2011 and due to an error the money was never moved from Riverboat to the correct line item. Lynam spoke to Charlie Pride

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with the State Board of Accounts and he said all we needed to do was move the money to the appropriate line item and put our documentation with it; there was no need to re-advertise or re-appropriate.

#### **Extension Office-Larry Dimmett**

Dimmett explained that they needed a new phone system; the price for the proposed system would be \$2,885. This is the smallest system they have which will be six lines. This price encompasses equipment, labor, wiring, the whole package. Internet service will have to be installed also, but we don't have the price for that at this time. Brenda Hagedorn had made the initial request for furniture and office equipment, since that request, we have received word that these items will be donated. We just wanted to let you know what we are looking at.

#### **The Way**

Ron Conner talked to the Board and said that in September they asked for \$48,000 and were given \$24,000, and told to come back in December. We didn't have all of our figures together in December, we have since gotten all of the figures that you requested together and are here tonight asking for the additional \$24,000.

Kroeger explained that since it hadn't been advertised, they couldn't do anything. Connor said it was his understanding that with the proper documentation all they had to do was ask for the money, didn't realize it would have to be advertised again, so they will take care of that at the next meeting.

Brett Cieslack spoke and let everyone know that on February 1<sup>st</sup> they will open the door to women in the new facility. They have five women waiting to get into the facility at this time. Cieslack said it is imperative that we get these young ladies out of jail and into a recovery environment.

Randy Voight passed out information to the members and explained that the first page was the 2014 projected budget comparison; they project more income in public support, resident fees, fundraising, grants and donated items. An increase in expenses is also expected in the areas of fundraising, overhead, programming, operations, Insurance and travel.

Second page is a list of future projects at Patronville Women's Facility for a total of \$39,980.

Third page is a 2014 Capital Projects Projection for the Patronville Facility.

Projections show an increase, but we never know when this might change. We are very thankful for what you have done to help us in the past. After much discussion Winsett thanked everyone for all the information they presented.

#### **Judge Dartt-Casa Program**

Dartt explained when we started our program Monica Frymiller who is the Casa Director in Warrick County graciously accepted our request to be our Casa Director on a part time basis and get our program started. She works as an independent contractor but our goal is to transition from Monica as our director to our own directors; Monica will do the training for us. To be National Casa our employees must be county employees or we can't get their certification. I explained last month that we aren't asking for any more money, you have already appropriated money in the budget. We have to restructure our program from independent contractor to county employees. No full time employee's only part time employees, we will probably never have full time employees. We need an organizational change so our CASA employees, will be part time county employees, this is what we need to do in order to get our national certification. Dartt explained that there is an immunity statute, IC-31-15-6-9 which says all CASA workers, CASA employees, all volunteers are immune from civil liability unless they commit gross misconduct. If they are proceeding in good faith according to their training there is immunity. Another important issue is the hours worked by volunteers; they have already saved \$17,000 in attorney's fees.

Freimiller talked about the State and National Certification. She said the state holds our program to a very high level of standards by which we must operate to maintain certification. They offer ongoing training to local programs and hold each local program to a code of ethics to ensure confidentiality and a level of advocacy with integrity. They offer ongoing training to local



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program staff directors to ensure that they are operating with a solid understanding of the current welfare laws and are knowledgeable in the current trends. National CASA offers the local program the registered CASA name as well as the highest level of training materials for training solid child advocates. They also offer support in the area of publicity, recruitment and data management.

Attorney Eric Ayer said he felt the CASA program would save money for the county, but the biggest benefit would be to the children of Spencer County.

Kroeger said we would have to amend the salary ordinance in order to make the CASA employees part time county employees. He told Dartt to work out the rate and get with the Auditor's Office to finish out this year and then at budget time bring in a budget for CASA with his other regular court budgets.

**Drainage Board**

Gogel explained that they were going to ask for \$25,000 for drainage projects set for 2014.

Gogel asked which fund they should request the money from. Kroeger said to request it from Riverboat and get it on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Old Business**

Gogel said he was a little concerned about the monthly internet fees connected with the video teleconferencing. He said that at the meeting in December the council had requested the two departments, Sheriff and Judge, figure out where the money would come from, but, he was concerned that a bill would be presented and there would be no provision set up for payment.

Kroeger asked the Auditor to work on a letter for him to sign letting the Sheriff and Judge know they needed to get something worked out for payment prior to the first billing cycle.

Kress made a motion to adjourn. Spaetti seconded the motion, motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

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President

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Auditor, Jane Lynam

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